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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Central Intelligence Agency  
Attn: Office of Collection  
and Dissemination

Subject: Upgrading of certain Publications.

Reference: (a) CIA:OCD Secret Memorandum dtd  
23 November 1948.

1. In response to reference (a) the following comments are forwarded herewith:

Paragraph 2a - It is believed that **RESTRICTED** classification is adequate where the subject matter has been derived from documents which are ostensibly **UNCLASSIFIED** and available on the public newsstand in USSR or at a Soviet bookshop. **UNCLASSIFIED** is not adequate as it is desirable to conceal the fact that we are publishing translated abstracts.

Where the subject matter is actually classified by the Soviets and/or has been obtained, the individual abstracts or periodicals should reflect the appropriate security classification by U.S. standards, bearing in mind that over classification is undesirable from the user's point of view.

Paragraph 3 - There is essentially little difference in requirements insofar as security classification of "periodical Abstracts" or "Bibliography" is concerned. **RESTRICTED** classification is applicable to this type of material for the same reasons expressed in Paragraph 2a above.

ONI review(s) completed.

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Paragraph 4b - It is believed that upgrading of "Soviet Press Extracts" to the SECRET classification is not justified for the following reasons:

- 1) The upgrading to SECRET classification prevents use of press extracts in publications of lower classification such as in the ONI Review (Confidential) and the ONI Quarterly (Restricted). The material which may be contained in the contracts is frequently used in these publications. It is intended that this practice will be continued in the future regardless of classifications that may or may not be applied to specific items of the Soviet press by other agencies.
- 2) It is strongly believed that Soviet press items should not be placed in the same security classification as other types of information coming from official U.S. sources such as dispatch traffic, reports and research studies.

2. Transmission by U.S. registered mail or registered guard mail is authorized in accordance with Article 7-5, U.S. Navy Security Manual for Classified matter.

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